

**TOWN OF LA POINTE  
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2015  
5:30PM AT TOWN HALL  
Approved Minutes**

**Called to order** at 5:30pm

**Present:** Greg Nelson, Michael Childers, Marty Curry, Jim Patterson, Ham Ross

**Staff present:** Pete Clark, Kristian Larsen, Lisa Potswald

**Public Present:** Mike Starck, Dave Donkers, John Carlson, Paul Brummer,

**I. Public Comment A\*:** None

**II. Town Administrator's Report:** Presented by Administrator Clark and placed on file by Unanimous Consent. Discussion included errors and omissions on the contract with Chippewa Valley Alternative Energy which are being squared away, and Town Attorney concerns on seeking out other insurance quotes because of unique coverage needed because of all of Town needs, including the Windsled.

**III. Public Works**

**A. Roads**

1. Foreman's Report: Presented by Foreman Kristian Larsen and placed on file by Unanimous Consent. Discussion included issues on billing from Brown Plumbing for the Big Bay Town Park Project.

2. Resolution 2015-0113 Accepting Wisconsin Department of Transportation Recommendation on Feasibility Study: Rice Street: Drafted by Administrator Clark for Wisconsin Department of Transportation to develop and produce a feasibility study with regard to the future of Rice Street. Motion to approve Resolution 2015-0113 Accepting Wisconsin Department of Transportation Recommendation on Feasibility Study in regards to Rice Street, J. Patterson/ M. Curry, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

3. Commercial Use of Ice Road: Potential Load Limits: Lengthy discussion included concerns on weight limits on ice road but how it would be difficult to enforce restrictions. Discussion on how important the road is and hopes that people treat the road with care and respect to reduce wear and tear of the ice road by travelling slow with light loads.

**B. Parks**

1. Land Trust Outreach and Invasive Species Coordinator: Job Description and Posting: Description updated with title of position being Invasive Species Coordinator instead of Intern, as well as updated the description with current information. Posting for two positions, deadline February 20, 2015. Motion to approve the Land Trust Outreach and Invasive Species Coordinator Job Description duties and responsibilities and posting, J. Patterson/ H. Ross, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

**C. Materials Recovery Facility (MRF)**

1. MRF Supervisor's Report: Report dated January 11, 2015 placed on file by Unanimous Consent. Comment by H. Ross who would like to see the wire stripping machine used.

#### **IV. Committees**

##### **A. Planning and Zoning**

1. Planning and Zoning Administrator's Report: 2014 year report. Discussion on Ashland County agreement with Zoning and value of La Pointe's Planning and Zoning Administrator's service, as well as keeping a record of financial impact/ loss of revenue since the Hegwood Case. Motion to place the Town of La Pointe Planning and Zoning Report for 2014 on file, H. Ross/ J. Patterson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

**B. Winter Transportation Committee:** Updates from committee chair H. Ross include last meeting cancelled and rescheduled for January 19 and lighting updates needed on the small Husky sled.

##### **C. Alternative Energy Committee**

1. Chippewa Valley Alternative Energy: project information: Motion to approve the letter authorizing Chippewa Valley Alternative Energy to share project information with those who may be able to offer support or additional information and authorizing Larry Bean to sign and send the letter, J. Patterson/ H. Ross, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

#### **V. Town Hall Administration**

A. Budget Report: Discussion included the possibility of setting up a monthly format for the report that summarizes how much of the budget has been spent for the year, to see where we are at in the full budget. Motion to approve and place Budget Report dated 1/9/2015 on file, M. Curry/ J. Patterson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Grant Updates: placed on file by Unanimous Consent.

C. Budget Amendment Resolution #2014-5: Motion to approve Budget Amendment #2014-5 with internal corrections to budget, M. Childers/ J. Patterson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

D. Use of Town Hall for the Candidates Forum, February 8, 2015 and March 29, 2015: No problem.

E. Additions to Town Administrator Job Duties and Responsibilities: Chairman Nelson and Administrator Clark had a meeting and discussed some things earlier in the day, and would like to schedule a Special Town Board Meeting, Personnel meeting with a possible closed session. Meeting to be held on Thursday January 22, 2015 at 5:30pm.

**VI. Vouchers:** Motion to approve vouchers in the amount of \$932,925.87, J. Patterson/ M. Childers, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

**VII. Alternative Claims:** Motion to approve Alternative Claims in the amount of \$111,948.68 and \$6,906.36 for the Library, J. Patterson/ M. Curry, 4 Ayes, 1 Abstain (H. Ross), Motion Carried.

**VIII. Treasurer's Report:** Motion to approve the Treasurer's Cash Summary Report as of December 31, 2014 showing a total of \$1,709,432.67 and a total available checking account balance of \$302,552.46, J. Patterson/ M. Curry, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

#### **IX. Minutes**

A. Special Town Board Meeting December 17, 2014: Motion to approve minutes as submitted, H. Ross/ M. Childers, 4 Ayes, 1 Abstain (M. Curry absent), Motion Carried.

B. Regular Town Board Meeting December 23, 2014: Motion to approve minutes as submitted, H. Ross/ M. Curry, 4 Ayes, 1 Abstain (M. Childers absent), Motion Carried.

**X. Police Department**

A. Police Chief's Report: Motion to approve report dated 1/6/15 and place on file, H. Ross/ M. Childers, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

**XI. Emergency Services**

A. Fire Chief's Report: 12/9/14 – 1/13/15 Report placed on file by Unanimous Consent.

**XII. Public Comment B\*\*:** None

**XIII. Lawsuits & Legal Issues:** Nothing at this time.

**XIV. New Agenda Items for Future Meetings**

A. Parking at Big Bay Town Park

B. Resolution supporting seed libraries

**XV. Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn, M. Curry/ J. Patterson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. Adjourned at 6:33pm.

Submitted by Town Clerk, Micaela Montagne

Approved as submitted, January 27, 2015.